GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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SPONSORSHIP TO SPORTS PERSONS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government provides complete sponsorship to the sports persons who can finally be trained for international events;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ AND YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): Development of sports including the scouting and nurturing of talent, is primarily the responsibility of the National Sports Federations concerned and the State Governments. However, the Government of India is supplementing the efforts of National Sports Federations and State Governments in the following manner:-

i) Finalization & implementation of Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) for various sports disciplines in consultation with the concerned National Sports Federations, former international sportspersons and sports scientists/experts.

ii) Provision of equipment and scientific support to sportspersons.

iii) Intensive coaching of the players by Indian and foreign coaches in coaching camps.

iv) Training abroad for the teams as well Indian Coaches.

v) Financial assistance to National Sports Federations for participation of sportspersons in international tournaments.

vi) Assistance for purchase of equipment, scientific support and training and participation with the country and abroad is provided under the `Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training` and the `National Sports Development Fund`.

vii) Sports Authority of India (SAI) implements five sports promotion schemes viz: Sports Authority of India Training Centres (STC), National Talent Search Contest (NTSC), Army Boys Sports company (ABSC), Centre of Excellence (COX) and Special Area Games (SAG). Training to meritorious sportspersons in the age group of 14-21 years is provided on the basis of their performance at state/national level competition at Sports Authority of India (SAI) Training centers with facilities such as board/lodging, kit expenses, accident insurance and competition exposure.

(c) & (d): Do not arise.